Name of the District	No. of Societies registered
Prakasam	17
Mahaboobnagar	01
Karimnagar	01
Chittoor	10
Nalgonda	02
Nellore	01
Warangal	06
Kadapa	11
Guntur	17
Krishna	06
Ananthapur	13
Vizianagaram	01
TOTAL:	86

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Setting up of clusters in A.P.

409. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the present position of clusters in the country especially in A.P.;

(b) the new locations identified State-wise especially in A.P.;

(c) the criteria set to establish such clusters in A.P.;

(d) the financial position thereof; and

(e) the working conditions in such clusters especially in A.P.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (e) As per the Handloom Census of 1995-96, there are 470 handlooms pockets across the country, which includes 23 in the state of Andhra Pradesh. During the year 2005-06, the Government of India identified 20 handloom clusters for their integrated and holistic development, which includes 2 clusters namely; Chirala and Madhavaram in Andhra Pradesh. Each cluster has about 5000 looms. During the year 2006-07, additional 100 clusters were identified for their development under the proposed Integrated Handlooms Development Scheme. This includes 10 clusters in the State of Andhra Pradesh, namely, (i) Payakaraopeta—Vishakhapatnam Distt., (ii) Pedana—Krishna Distt., (iii) Isukpalli, Illavaraim-Guntur. Mt., Guntur Distt (iv) Muddireddipally-Ananthapur Distt., (v) Proddutur-Cuddapah Distt., (vi) Siripuram-Yellanki-Nalgonda Distt., (vii) Gadwal—Mahboobnagar Distt., (viii) Puttapaka—Nalgonda Distt. (ix) Kothapalli—Karimnagar Distt. and (x) Yemmiganur—Kurnul Distt. These clusters were identified jointly by the State Government and Weavers' Service Centre concerned based on the potentiality for their development The Diagnostic Study of the these clusters have been conducted. In addition, the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has been allotted a target of 15 clusters i.e. (i) Srikakulam, (ii) Vizianagaram, (iii) East Godavari, (iv) West Godavari, (v) Krishna, (vi) Prakasam, (vii) Nellor, (viii) Chittor, (ix) Ananthapur, (x) Kurnoor, (xi) Mahaboobnagar, (xii) Medak, (xiii) Karimnagar,

(xiv) Warangal and (xv) Khammam for the year 2007-08. Each cluster will have the loomage of 300 to 500. Based on the conditions of each cluster as reflected in the diagnostic study and mapping of the cluster, the need based requirements will be extended in these clusters, as per the approved guidelines of the Integrated Handloom Development Scheme. All State Governments, including the Government of Andhra Pradesh have been requested to prepare the action plan of each cluster for the interventions to be taken up for cluster development in a time frame of 3 years.

Scheme for handloom industry in Eleventh Five Year Plan

†410. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any scheme for encouraging handloom industry in Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Central assistance given for helping handloom community does not reach them; and

(d) if so, the steps taken for removing defects in the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of India, for encouraging handloom sector, have formulated following schemes for the Eleventh Five Year Plan:—

(i) Integrated Handlooms Development Scheme

(ii) Marketing and Export Promotion Scheme

(iii) Handloom Weavers' Comprehensive Welfare Scheme

(iv) Mill Gate Price Scheme

(v) Diversified Handloom Development Scheme

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Revival of closed textile mills

411. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of textile mills functioning at present in the country as on date, State-wise;

(b) the number of textile mills lying closed at present in different States of the country, State-wise and mill-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to revive the closed textile mills in the national interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) State-wise number of functioning as well as closed cotton man-made fibre textile mills (Non-SSI) as on 30.09.2007 is furnished in the Statement (*See* below). However, mill-wise details are not available.

(c) Government seeks to foster a policy regime, which facilitates growth and development of Indian industry. It has taken a number of steps for revival of sick industrial units which, *inter-alia*, include, guidelines of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to banks, amalgamation of sick units with healthy units, setting up of Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) under the Sick Industrial Companies (Social Provisions) Act, etc.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.